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Scio quoniam plurimos fratrum sci-
entiae scripturarum desiderio pro-
uocatos: poposcisse ab aliquantibus
et latinis & grecarum litterarum
peritis ut Origenem romanum fa-
cerent & latinis auribus eum do-
narent: in quod etiam frater & i-
collega noster qui ab ipso Damasco
deprecatus homelias duas de can-
tico canticorum in latinum transiit
set egreco: ita in illo opere ornate magnificeq; prefatus est
ut cui uis legendi Origenem. et audissime perquirendi de-
siderium commoueret dicens illius amicitia conuenire quod
dictum est: quia introduxit me rex in cubiculum suum: as-
serens eum quod cum in ceteris libris omnes uincat in ca-
nticis canticorum etiam ipse se uicerit. pollicetur sane in prefati-
one se & ipsos in canticis canticorum libros: & alios quoniam plu-
rimos Origenem romanis auribus largiturum: sed ille ut ui-
deo in stilo proprio placens rem maioris glorie sequitur ut pa-
ter uerbi sic potius quam interpres. Nos autem rem ab illo qui
dem coeptam sequimur & probatam sed non equae eloquen-
tiae uiribus tanta uiri ornare possimus dicta: unde uere
or ne iucio meo id accidat ut is uir quem ille alterum pro
apostolos ecclesiae doctorem scientiae multo comprobare inopia
sermonis nostri longe esse inferior uideatur. quod ego sepe
considerans reticebam nec deprecabar frequenter in hoc fra-
tribus ammebam: sed tua uis frater Odachari tanta est: cui
obistere nec imperitia quidem potest: propter quod ne te ul-
tra grauiem paterer exactorem: & iam contra propositum me-